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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF EUROPE - DUTCH LIBERAL HENRI DE KOSTER  
ELECTED PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

1. HENRI DE KOSTER, DUTCH LIBERAL PARTY, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY APRIL 24 AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CURRENT MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY. DE KOSTER, WHO SUCCEEDS AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST KARL CZERNETZ, WAS ELECTED OVER UK CONSERVATIVE MP, PERCY GRIEVE, AFTER A GENTLEMANLY CAMPAIGN. BY GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT, IT WAS THE LIBERAL'S TURN TO OCCUPY THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENCY, SO DE KOSTER'S ELECTION WAS NOT UNEXPECTED. COMMENT: THE INDEPENDENT/CONSERVATIVE CANDIDACY OF GRIEVE, ALTHOUGH NEVER GIVEN A SERIOUS CHANCE, WON NEARLY ENOUGH VOTES TO DEPRIVE DE KOSTER OF A FIRST BALLOT VICTORY AND WAS DESIGNED TO SECURE FOR THIS POLITICAL GROUPING A BERTH IN THE ROTATION FOR THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENCY WHICH IS CURRENTLY LIMITED TO THREE GROUPS: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, AND LIBERALS. END COMMENT. THE TERM OF THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT IS FOR ONE YEAR, COVERING THREE SESSIONS, BUT BY TRADITION, A PRESIDENT IS REELECTED TWICE AND SERVES A TOTAL OF THREE YEARS.

2. DE KOSTER, 63, WAS BORN IN LEIDEN AND STUDIED IN AMSTERDAM,  
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LONDON, AND DUBLIN. IN 1937, HE ENTERED THE FAMILY FLOUR MILLING BUSINESS OF WHICH HE WAS MANAGING DIRECTOR UNTIL 1966. DURING WORLD WAR II, DE KOSTER WAS A MEMBER OF THE DUTCH RESISTANCE. HE BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE NETHERLANDS FLOUR MILLING ASSOCIATION IN 1947, AND LATER, FROM 1954 TO 1967, WAS PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FLOUR MILLING ASSOCIATION. FROM 1961 TO 1967, DE KOSTER WAS PRESIDENT OF THE NETHERLANDS

FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES AND ALSO ACTED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF THE NETHERLANDS. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE DUTCH PARLIAMENT SINCE FEBRUARY 1967, SERVING AS STATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (JUNE 1967-JULY 1971) AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE (JULY 1971-MAY 1973). DE KOSTER HAS BEEN A SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY SINCE LATE 1974.MOHLER

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